



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 1, 2019 | **Fellowship Hall Service** | 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO LMPC! *We're so glad you are with us today. Please use the tear-off card in the back of your bulletin to share important information with us. As we come together to worship the living God, we ask that you **silence all communication devices and refrain from bringing beverages into worship** so that we might, in joyful reverence, give our full attention to praising and honoring our God.*

CHILDCARE: *Children of any age are welcome in our worship services. If you desire to use our nursery for your children ages 0-3, please see one of our ushers for directions. The ushers can also point you to the crayons and activity sheets relevant to today's sermon that are provided for children each week.*

Order of Worship

Welcome and greetings

Chad Middlebrooks, pastor of discipleship

* Call to worship

based on Psalm 98 and Luke 1

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

All: **The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel.**

Leader: Our souls glorify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

All: **The mighty One has done great things for us—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation!**

* Hymn of praise

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

Come to earth to taste our sadness, he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

text by Charles Wesley (1744) and Mark Hunt (1978); music by Rowland Pritchard, 1855

*** Prayer of adoration and the Lord's prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not
into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Worship in the giving of God's tithe and our offerings

Offertory hymn

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Latin, 12th century, translated by John Mason Neale, 1851; Plainsong, 13th century

*** Scripture reading from Isaiah 9:1-7**

text printed in the bulletin

David Fowler (9:30)

Mallory Dean (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God's Word

Sermon

"Royal Names of the Royal Child: Wonderful Counselor"

Frank Hitchings, senior associate pastor

Pastoral prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Lookout Mountain Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have previously been admitted to the Lord's Table, by the elders of this or any Gospel-proclaiming church, to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Come with joy as you actively trust in Christ and willingly forsake sin, having sought reconciliation in all relationships.

Hymn of confession "Come, O Redeemer, Come"

Father enthroned on high, holy, holy;
ancient, eternal Light, hear our prayer.

Refrain: Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us mercy.
Come, O Redeemer, come; grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark of our striving,
faithless, troubled hearts weighed down. *Refrain*

Look now upon our need; Lord be with us.
Heal us and make us free from our sin. *Refrain*
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Silent prayers of confession

Assurance of God's pardoning grace

based on Romans 5

Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. For God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Words of institution

Communion affirmation

Leader: God of all good, you have prepared for us a feast; and because we are unworthy in ourselves to sit down as guests, we wholly rest on the merits of Jesus and hide ourselves in his righteousness.

All: **In this supper we remember the agony of the cross and the cost of redemption. We rejoice in your eternal love, boundless grace, and infinite compassion.**

Leader: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
based on The Valley of Vision, "The Lord's Supper"

Prayer of consecration

Distribution of the elements

Songs for meditation

"There Blooms a Rose in Bethlehem"

There blooms a rose in Bethlehem, from tender stem hath sprung.
Of Jesse's line this flower grows as men of old have sung.
Isaiah told us long ago about this rose we'd find;
in virgin arms we shall behold the Savior of mankind.

The glories of the heavens surrounded shepherds bright.
The angels sang, a sign was shown, the Christ was born that night.
What mystery they came upon, the sign the heralds laud;
in manger slept the Holy One, in flesh, the Son of God.

This flow'r in bloom, a scent so sweet that greets us in the air.
It has dispelled with hopefulness the sting of death's despair.
Foretold, this rose was born to die, but would not see decay;
so those who place their faith in him shall blossom from the grave.
text and music by Neil DeGraide © 2014 Sovereign Grace Worship

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!"
Liturgy of St. James, 5th century; French melody, 17th century

* **Prayer of thanksgiving**

* **Hymn of praise**

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heav’n and nature sing,
and heav’n and nature sing, and heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

text by Isaac Watts, 1719; music by George F. Handel, 1742

* **Benediction**

* **Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

* **Postlude**

* *Congregation standing as you are able*

Musicians for this week:

Charley Crichton – bass

David Henry – guitar, vocalist

Ellie Henry – vocalist

Maddie Lee – piano

Hannah Lutz – viola

NEW SERMON SERIES: ADVENT 2019

The Royal Names of the Royal Child

Isaiah 9:6-7

“Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the pow’rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.”

- Liturgy of St. James, 5th century

Compared to Easter, with its jubilant celebration of Jesus’ resurrection, or Christmas, with its singing choirs of angels and “tidings of comfort and joy,” Advent can seem like a much smaller event in the church year. Is it just a taste of Christmas until the real holiday arrives? There is no account of the New Testament church commemorating any event in Jesus’ life, and no biblical command for keeping any day of the year holy other than the Sabbath. But Christians since at least the 7th century have observed the weeks leading up to Christmas as a time to meditate and focus on both the coming of Christ into the world as the incarnate Son of God and the anticipated second coming of Christ in fullest glory to judge the earth. This year at LMPC, our Advent sermons will examine the four descriptive names of Jesus given in Isaiah 9:6: “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.” As these titles make clear, the coming of Jesus into the world was an event of staggering proportions, and as we live in the time between his first coming and his second, we have every reason to make this a season in which we anticipate and long for that day when the Light of light will descend once again and banish darkness for all eternity.

Isaiah 9:1-7

¹Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—²The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. ³You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. ⁴For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. ⁵Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

SERMON NOTES

“Royal Names of the Royal Child: Wonderful Counselor”

Isaiah 9:1-7

1. The context for this ancient prophecy
 - A world filled with darkness & despair and gloom & grief (Isaiah 9:1-7)

2. The meaning of this royal title — Wonderful Counselor
 - This Royal Child is the exalted and eternal source of all wisdom. (Psalm 111)

 - The children of the King enjoy the benefits of living under his wisdom. (Psalm 112)

3. The fulfillment of this joyous promise
 - Jesus is the one “in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” (Colossians 2:2-3)

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET DONE SO, you can submit your giving plans for 2020 online at lmpc.org/giving-2020 or at your Giving tab in Realm. You can also place a giving plan card in the offering plate or deliver it to David Fowler in the church office. We are praying that we will have 80% of the 2020 budget pledged by December 31, 2019. So far, 56% of the budget has been pledged. Find out more about pledging, ways to give, and the 2020 budget at lmpc.org/give.

WE ARE CONTINUING TO COLLECT NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS in room E204 in the chapel breezeway through this Wednesday evening, December 4, for Hope for the Inner City's Christmas Store. For a list of suggested items visit lmpc.org/christmas-store. Join us for Family Night this Wednesday as we eat pizza, play bingo, and hear from our friends at Hope for the Inner City. We'll finish the evening by loading the trucks with our donations to be transported to the Christmas Store.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS to be placed in the sanctuary or fellowship hall in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please visit lmpc.org/christmas-flowers to submit a request and contribute online, or contact the church office at 423-821-4528. The last day to make a request is Wednesday, December 11.

THE ANNUAL LMPC MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRESSIVE DINNER will take place this Friday, December 6, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Jane Harris Youth Building. Please RSVP to margaret@lmpc.org by tomorrow, December 2. The cost is \$10 per person. If you have any questions, please email margaret@lmpc.org.

A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE at the end of each service next Sunday, December 8, for the purpose of nominating elders and deacons for the class of 2023. In addition, a brief meeting of LMPC, Inc. will be held to elect a trustee.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HYMN SING next Sunday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us as we celebrate the Incarnation through the singing of hymns, listening to vocal and instrumental ensembles, and the reading of God's Word. Following the service, Christmas treats will be served in the Reception Room. Nursery is provided.

ALL VIPS ARE INVITED TO OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON which will be held on Tuesday, December 10 in the fellowship hall beginning at 12 noon. The Very Important Persons is a group of mostly retired adults from LMPC and the community who meet monthly for fun and fellowship. The cost for the luncheon is \$5 per person and is due online at lmpc.org/vip or at the church office by this Wednesday, December 4. Bring a friend!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

CONCERT, "The Creed and the Cradle," presented by the Chancel Choir and instrumentalists. The concert will take place in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 15, at 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. Please note: nursery is provided for the 4:00 concert only.

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, we will be offering our annual Communicant Class for middle school and high school students interested in joining the church. For more information and to sign up, visit lmpc.org/youth or contact Margaret Compton at margaret@lmpc.org with the student's name, age, and grade.

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS will not be posted during the month of December since most small groups take a break during Advent and Christmas. The questions will resume on January 5.

*To find out more about happenings at LMPC,
visit lmpc.org/news*

**MEMBERS & VISITORS -
PLEASE REACH OUT TO US!**

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I WOULD LIKE TO:

- Speak to a pastor
- Speak to someone in the church office
- Receive email from LMPC

email address

PLEASE CONTACT ME ABOUT:

- Serving at LMPC
- Becoming a member at LMPC
- Joining a small group
- Joining a Bible study
 - men's
 - women's
- Prayer opportunities

If you are a first-time or repeat visitor, please fill out your information on the other side of this card so we can follow up with you.

**PRAYER REQUESTS &
COMMENTS**

Include request in the Prayer List?

- Yes No

I would like to speak with someone about the prayer request or other concern. Please contact me at:

PHONE DAY EVENING

Please deposit this card in the offering plate as it comes by.

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

We know it can be hard to connect with a new church. We want to help in any way we can. Feel free to fill out your information on this tear-off card and place it in the offering plate. We will follow up with you about next steps. We are here to serve you!

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TODAY AT LMPC

Sunday, December 1

8:10 a.m.	Worship service with communion	chapel
9:30 a.m.	Worship service with communion	sanctuary & fellowship hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	various locations
10:30 a.m.	Elders are available to pray for your needs	Brian Salter's office
11:00 a.m.	Worship service with communion	sanctuary & fellowship hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunday school for all ages	various locations
6:00 p.m.	Evening prayer with missionary prayer	chapel

For more events this week, visit lmpc.org/calendar.

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- Communicate with your groups and teams
- Register easily for popular events
- Gain access to our online church directory
- Update your personal information, including photo
- Check your progress on giving and pledging

You can find more details on how to join and use Realm at lmpc.org/realm. For additional help with Realm, please email Caitlyn Whitted at onrealm@lmpc.org.

OUR MISSION

Glorifying God by growing in grace and giving our lives away on the mountain, in the city, and around the world.

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Worship services with Communion are held on the first Sunday of every month in the morning services and in lieu of evening prayer on the third Sunday of every month.